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Tanhouse Morris Dancers face minibus crisis

FORMER SCHOOL TO BE DEMOLISHED SO STATION DREAM CAN BE KEPT ON TRACK

County Council chiefs approve move to flatten Glenburn site

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has given the final approval to demolish the derelict buildings of the former Glenburn Sports College.

The decision will enable engineering reports to be drawn up, once the school is flattened, to work out the cost of constructing a train station on the site.

The move to demolish the site - branded a safety hazard - was agreed by members of the county council's cabinet committee last Thursday, August 10.

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Glenburn Sports College - County Council has given the go-ahead for it to be demolished

Hunt for man who sexually assaulted teenage boy

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was sexually assaulted in the street by a man who grabbed him around the head.

The victim was walking on Ormskirk Road at around 1.40am in the direction of Up Holland Labour Club when he was approached by a man.

The offender started speaking to the boy before touching him inappropriately, said Skelmersdale police.

The victim pushed the attacker away, before the man attempted to assault him again.

Despite asking the attacker to leave him alone, the man grabbed the boy around the head, with the teenager punching him. The offender then made off from the scene in the direction of The Buffs pub.

The suspect is described as white, 6ft tall, aged in his 30s to 40s and of stocky build. He was wearing a flyweight blue rain jacket, blue baggy jeans and black shoes.

Det Con Pete Reil, of Lancashire Police, said: "This is clearly a very concerning incident which has left the victim shaken and upset.

"Despite asking to be left alone on several occasions, the attacker has sexually assaulted the boy, before grabbing the teenager around the head. It was only after the victim fought the man off that he was left alone.

"The description of the offender involved is very good and we believe someone must know who this man is. If you recognise the description, contact us immediately."

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Don't miss the chance to give your views on council savings proposals

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS, organisations and businesses in West Lancashire are being urged not to miss the opportunity to give their views on the borough council's proposals for savings, efficiencies and increases in income totalling £310,000 before the consultation period closes on Sunday, September 3.

Service users and residents, along with local community groups, organisations and businesses, can give their views at www.west-lancs.gov.uk/yourviews

Comments can also be submitted by letter and email. Paper copies are also available at the Council offices at 52 Derby St, Ormskirk and the customer service point in the Concourse, Skelmersdale.

The council will consider the results of the consulation in October.

The main proposals are as follows:

- **Increasing a number of fees and charges each year, in line with inflation. This would include charges for pest control, and some licensing charges, but not car park charges.**
- **Increasing the charge for replacement wheelie bins from £23 to £25 to cover the actual cost of providing the bins.**

Councillor Chris Wynn

- **Ending the provision of a civic car for the mayor and reducing the number of functions attended by the mayor.**
- **A review of the way the council carries out street cleaning and grounds maintenance.**
- **Increasing bus station departure charges to bus companies from 7.5 pence to 50 pence per departure.**
- **Reviewing the Home Care Link emergency response system, which currently runs at an annual deficit of around £70,000, to ensure it at least breaks even in the future.**

Councillor Chris Wynn, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for finance, said: "I encourage residents and local organisations to take part in this consultation before the surveys close.

"The council faces serious financial challenges and we want to gather views and suggestions so we can take them into account when we make decisions in October."

The council is seeking views from individuals and organisations and is working with West Lancashire CVS to contact local voluntary and community groups, businesses, and other organisations to invite them to take part.

However, it is stressed that the consultation is open to all. Any organisation can complete the survey and all residents can take part.

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Glenburn demolition plan gets the green light

From page 1

Vandals have been targeting the buildings since the school closed in July 2016.

The move to flatten the Glenburn buildings was welcomed by prominent train station campaigner County Councillor John Fillis.

The location was named as the preferred venue for a train station for Skelmersdale earlier this year.

Cllr Fillis said: "The economic benefits that the demolition of this building would open up to not only the local area but Lancashire as a whole, are enormous.

"This will enable us to progress with vital GRIP 2 and 3 reports that will establish the engineer works required as well as a base for the cost benefit analysis to build a station in Skelmersdale.

"Skelmersdale Railway Station has received cross party support, which is vital for such a long term project.

"I recognise that people want to see progress, however we must ensure that the health and safety of those working on the scheme is paramount.

"Lancashire is the main funder of this project, financial support from the government would not only be welcome but it would accelerate the delivery of a train station in Skelmersdale.

"We have seen major infrastructure projects receiving billions of pounds right across the UK, why not here in West Lancashire?"

In November 2016 the Secretary of State determined that authority for the whole of the school site transferred to Lancashire County Council, which does not include the Westbank site, which still belongs to Newcastle College Group.

'I recognise that people want to see progress...'

Development Control consent for the demolition was approved in April 2017, however work was held up by detailed investigations into the demolition methodology, which revealed that significantly more asbestos removal would need to be undertaken than first envisaged.

Due to the nature of the buildings construction asbestos has been embedded into the concrete floors, which will need to be manually removed. There are around 9,000 asbestos support packers all of which need to be removed prior to the main structure demolition.

It is believed that the train project will cost in the region of £200m.

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Councillor John Fillis

Woman robbed of bag containing £200 in cash

POLICE are appealing for information after a woman had her bag containing £200 robbed in the town.

The robbery happened between 11.50am and 12.10pm on Tuesday, August 8 when the victim, a 32-year old woman, was walking to the Concourse shopping centre with her son along a footpath between Blakehall and Blythewood in Tanhouse.

She was approached from behind by a man riding a bike. He snatched her bag from her shoulder which caused the victim to fall to the floor. He made off towards Blythewood.

The man is described as white, 5ft 6in tall, slim build with long curly mousey blonde hair. He was wearing a grey waterproof coat, dark trousers and a dark coloured cap. The stolen bag was a black Jack Wolfskin satchel

(similar to the one pictured) which contained a pale pink purse with £200 in cash and bank cards inside.

PS Bernie Coburn of Skelmersdale Police said: "We are appealing to anyone who was in the area at the time of the robbery or who may have seen the man matching this description to contact us with any information.

Men attacked by gang armed with crossbow

TWO men were attacked in Skelmersdale by a gang in possession of weapons including a crossbow and screwdriver.

The incident happened at around 9.45pm on Friday, August 11 following reports of a disturbance outside an address on Ennerdale.

The group had dispersed prior to police arrival and the two men, both aged 27, were taken to hospital for treatment.

One of the offenders was described as 5ft 6in with dark blond hair aged 20 to 24 years old and was wearing light grey jeans and a grey top. A second offender was described as a very tall man, around 7ft, aged around 20 to 25 years with a drained face and was dressed in black clothing.

DC Peter Reil of Skelmersdale CID said: "This was a nasty attack on the two victims by a group of men who were in possession of a number of weapons.

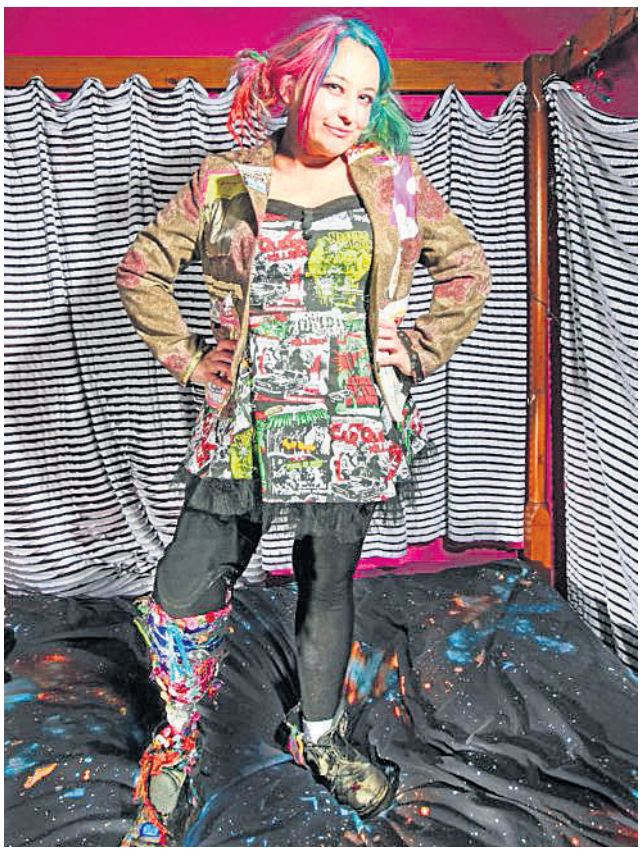
"Thankfully their injuries are not life threatening but the victims have been left extremely distressed by what has happened to them.

"Enquiries to identify those responsible are underway and we are appealing to anyone who was in the area at the time and witnessed the incident to contact us."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 quoting log 1454 of August 11th.

Alternatively independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Jackie's Cosmic Scallies goes beyond the Fringe



Jackie Hagan

Skem writer's work is showcased at the Edinburgh Festival

Report by **Henry James**

A PLAY about Skelmersdale and written by a woman from the town is currently being shown at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Cosmic Scallies, by Jackie Hagan, is about two best friends who live on a Skelmersdale council estate.

Jackie has featured in the Champion before as she has refused to let a life-changing disability derail her career.

She went into hospital in 2013 complaining of pain in a toe on her right leg. Doctors found that a spasm had led to a cluster of blood clots in the main artery in the leg and made the decision to amputate.

Utopian

Cosmic Scallies is a production from the Royal Exchange Theatre. The show features Shaun and Dent who are mates on the estate. Dent leaves Skelmersdale but 10 years later comes back and she spends her time at home watching daytime TV, but then she meets Shaun again.

Jackie, who is a former pupil at Our Lady Queen of Peace High School, said: "A cosmic scallie is someone who is broken and authentic about it.

"Skelmersdale was a utopian new town built in the 1960s when there was not enough council housing in Liverpool. They promised us the world and now the New Town idea is studied on the Geography GCSE syllabus as a failed social experiment.

"In Skelmersdale there is not really a class system, there is just really people with slightly nicer shoes.

"When classes are represented on telly, it is really one dimensional, and chav shaming, whereas my play is about rounded people. They are not victims, they are not saints, they are normal people somewhere in the middle.

"It is reaching a different audience. This is getting to the posh people which is great.

"I wanted to write about the undeserving poor - people who have to do drugs because they can't get the pain medication, or have to nick a wheelchair.

"There are three reasons why you should see Cosmic Scallies - one, it is really funny, two, it is really political, but it does not feel like it is, and three, Graeae theatre (the company jointly behind the production) are at the forefront of disability issues and access for the disabled."

The show is at the Edinburgh Fringe until August 26.

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County council approves £47m schools investment

Report hailed as "wonderful news for children and young people in Lancashire"

LANCASHIRE County Council's Cabinet has approved a report which sets out priorities for spending £47m on the county's school buildings over the next three years.

The schools capital grant allocation comes from the Department for Education to enable the county council to provide the right number of school places across the county and ensure its schools are in good condition.

The £47m investment will be spent on the following priorities:

• Supporting growth in pupil places.

• Targeted investment in mainstream and special schools.

• Strategic maintenance of the building stock.

County Councillor Susie Charles, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "This investment is wonderful news for children and young people in Lancashire. It means that we can provide the right number of school places across the county, that popular schools can expand to meet demand and that we can keep our schools in good condition.

"We are fortunate to have excellent schools in our county, providing a first-rate education, and this investment will help us to build on our current success."

County Councillor Susie Charles

As in previous years, it is anticipated that the majority of the capital allocation will need to be used to provide additional primary school places, though in the forthcoming period, additional secondary school places will also be needed.

Targeted investment is intended for special schools, mainstream and short-stay provision with an emphasis on additional provision.

The capital investment will primarily be spent on the following areas:

• Provision of additional mainstream primary and secondary school places, including increasing planned admission numbers at primary schools in areas of high future demand to make them compatible with the requirement to have no more than 30 pupils in infant classes.

• Targeted investment on identified projects in special and alternative provision schools, including the provision of additional places and addressing serious suitability and condition issues.

• Projects in community schools to improve access for pupils with disabilities in and around the school buildings.

• Targeted investment to replace time-limited temporary buildings with permanent buildings, where their deteriorating condition could jeopardise the school's ability to maintain current numbers on roll in an area of increasing demand.

• Condition-led projects that address serious condition issues at community, voluntary controlled and foundation schools.

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Tanhouse Morris Dancers face missing contests unless minibus is replaced

Report by **Henry James**

TANHOUSE Morris Dancers – who were named Troupe of the Year for the North West two years ago - face being unable to travel to competitions unless they can replace their mini bus which keeps breaking down.

They have started a fundraising drive to collect the money and have organised a sponsored walk from Tanhouse Community centre to Ormskirk Coronation Park on Sunday, August 27 in a bid to collect the money. The minibus is essential to the club who compete across the region every Sunday.

Gillian Harris, 33, from Tanhouse said: "We are a winning team – we can't afford not to turn up to competitions. However, we can't win without being able to travel.

"We were named Troupe of the Year for the North West two years ago, but in the last few weeks we have been unable to enter events because of problems with the bus. The club travels all over the North West from Prestatyn to Platt Bridge in Wigan." A total of 25 people from six to 60 will be taking on the sponsored walk.

Gillian, who has been with the Tanhouse Morris Dancers for 32 years, added: "The young kids use the bus and it is constantly breaking down. The old tyres keep going flat.

"We have been on the way back from competitions and it has broken down. We hope to sell the old bus for parts. We have had it for 20 years and have taken it all over the country.

"We use it every Sunday and can't compete without it. We need to be entering every week to be in the running for end of season titles.

"We will start the walk at 11am and it should take about three hours. We have a permit from the council to allow us to collect along the way."

Tanhouse Morris Dancers has been going about 45 years.

It was founded by Susan McKluskey and Leah Sealey and member practice on a Tuesday and Thursday evening.

The group have placed a sponsorship form on the notice board in Tanhouse Community Centre for those people who want to help them.

Veterans' association visit Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Report by **Henry James**

A NUMBER of members of the Skelmersdale Veteran's Association have visited The Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which is taking place until until August 26.

This year the event is celebrating Scotland's history, heritage and archaeology and the impact of the Scots and Scottish culture around the world and there is a special tribute to the Royal Navy.

Alan Lewis from the Skelmersdale Veteran's Association said: "We all had the amazing opportunity to see different Scottish regiments and bands from across the world plus The Queen's Colour Squadron, Her Majesty's Royal Marines. There was an amazing mix of acts from four continents, with performers from Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and further afield. The events we visited were a great success."

Alan Moore, who is ex RAF and a member of Skelmersdale Veteran's Association, had a chance to meet members of the Queen's Colour Squadron. He commented: "It was a fantastic show of skills and those involved marched without a word of command being said throughout the display."

After completing a four week intensive drill course the gunners of the Queen's Colour Squadron can expect to serve on the squadron for a period of up to three years before retuning to serve within the wider Royal Air Force or Royal Air Force regiment.

Alan Moore is shown (centre) with two members of The Queen's Colour Squadron

Staff at Total Reuse

Company on way to green glory with its award win

A SKELMERSDALE company is on the way to green glory after winning an international award to find the greenest companies, councils and communities.

Total Reuse has followed up their success at the Environmental Awards in April where they won the Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority and Veolia - Reuse and Waste Prevention Award, by winning a Green Apple Environmental Award.

Martin Gamester from Total Reuse said: "We were really pleased to win this. We competed against more than 500 other nominations in the Green Apple Awards for Environmental Best Practice, and we will be presented with our trophy and certificate at a glittering presentation ceremony in the Houses of Parliament, London on November 6."

As a result of this Green Apple Award success, they have been invited to have their winning paper published in The Green Book, the leading international work of reference on environmental best practice, so that others around the world can follow their example and learn from their achievement.

They could also progress to represent their country in the Green World Awards 2018 and have 100 trees planted in their name as part of the United Nations Billion Trees initiative.

Their winning entry, entitled: 'If it's reused it doesn't need recycling' encourages individuals and organisation to think differently about how they dispose of their waste and integrate reuse as a first option. Each year they divert in excess of 1 million kilograms of reusable items from landfill regularly donating them to individuals, charities, community groups and good causes throughout the North West.

Through its Tool Shed initiative the company repairs, restores and refurbishes furniture while also re-manufacturing bespoke items from salvaged and reclaimed materials. Recent commissions have included The Muspratt Garden, at the University of Liverpool created from 100% reused materials.

The team are currently working with a group of Hallam Interior Design students on a refurbishment of the Sheffield Hallam University Student Union Bar.

The Green Apple Awards began in 1994 and have become established as the country's major recognition for environmental endeavour among companies, councils, communities and countries.

The awards are organised by the Green Organisation – an independent, non-political, non-profit environmental group dedicated to recognising, rewarding and promoting environmental best practice around the world. The Green Apple Awards are supported by the Environment Agency, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, the Chartered Institute of Wastes Management and other independent bodies.

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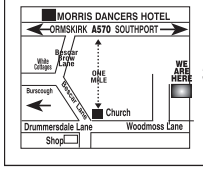

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Doreen Lavin (centre) is surrounded by family and friends as she receives her award from the mayor and mayoress.

Civic recognition for long-serving lollipop lady

A LONG-serving lollipop lady has received civic recognition for her contribution to road safety in the borough for more than 30 years.

Come rain or shine, Doreen Lavin has been helping pupils from the Burscough's three primary schools to safely cross the road since first taking up her role as a school crossing patrol officer in October 1983.

The 69-year-old grandmother from Orrell Lane was nominated for an award by Burscough police sergeant, John Hurley.

And to mark her dedication she was presented with a framed certificate and a bouquet of flowers by Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, at a special reception in the mayor's room attended by family and friends.

Doreen said: "Police sergeant, John Hurley wrote to the council and said that I had stood there so long it was time something was done to recognise it."

During her three-decade stint she has got to know three generations of local families - which comes in handy on the very rare occasions one of her young charges misbehaves.

"If they start to play up and I know their parents or grandparents, I'll say: 'Just try me and I'll show you what I can do'", she laughed.

And Doreen, who is still working mornings, lunchtimes and afternoons, has no plans to hang up her faithful lollipop just yet!

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Nuclear bunker goes up for sale!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

PART of the skill of selling is no doubt in the timing.

As tensions rise between US and North Korea and the spectre of nuclear war is raised, it may well be that one shrewd owner of a Burscough nuclear bunker has seized the moment.

The former cold war listening post, situated on Pippin Street, has recently been painted and one keen eyed observer has noted that a For Sale sign has been... and gone.

The former Royal Observer Corps facility went into service in April 1962 and closed in September 1991, following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

It consists of an undergound chamber, measuring seven foot by 16 foot and is seven foot high, accessed by a 15 foot vertical ladder, along with an air vent.

Equipment kept at the site included instruments to record position, height and size of any nuclear explosion, There was also a device to measure fall out radiation and flares which would be used to warn the public of it. There was also a hand operated siren to warn the surrounding areas of an imminent attack.

Enquiries into who, if anyone, has purchased the historical site are ongoing. If you know, call the Champion on 01704 392400

The bunker in Pippin Street

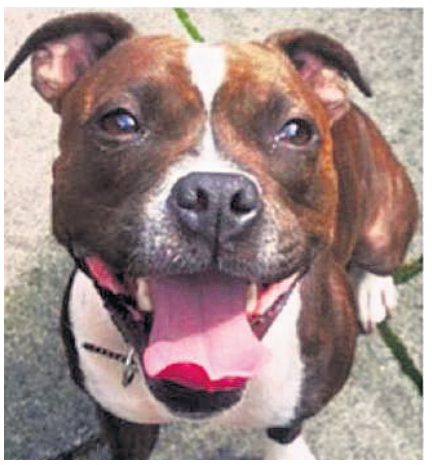
Owner in desperate missing dog appeal

A DOG owner is searching for their pet which went missing from Birkrig.

Robyn Carter wants help to find the animal which was last seen on Tuesday, July 18.

Robyn said: "My dog went missing on July 18 and I've tried everything possible to find her.

"I've searched the streets, plastered it all over Facebook and rang all dog homes. She's brindle and has a bit of white between her eyes and around her neck and chest. She has white paws and a little bit of white on her tail. She has also been chipped."



New hope for Up Holland Library

Report by **Kenny Parker**

BOOK lovers in West Lancs have been boosted by the news that Up Holland Library could be set for a reprieve.

The library, as well as those in Burscough and Parbold, were among 26 in the county closed by the previous Labour administration at Lancashire County Council as a cost-cutting measure.

However, the cabinet of the recently-elected Conservative-led council agreed plans in early July for the phased reopening of 14 libraries, including one at Parbold. Nine will be run by the county council and five as independent community libraries.

The council had been considering proposals to transfer ownership of the two libraries to local groups under the provisions of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy.

However, both groups have subsequently indicated that they would prefer the county council to operate a library service rather than continue with an asset transfer. As a result, Parbold and Thornton libraries are now among those which will reopen in the next few months.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "Libraries are a vital service at the heart of our communities, offering free access to books and information, as well as being a place where communities can get together.

"We are grateful to all the voluntary and community groups who have and continue to commit time and resources into the library service and its future development.

"We want to improve people's access to libraries as soon as we can, and I am pleased that we'll be reopening Parbold and Thornton libraries in the coming months."

However, the libraries in Burscough and Up Holland are still under consideration with campaigners in both areas hoping they can follow the Parbold library reopening.

One of the West Lancashire libraries that could reopen

Little cherubs are looking for friends to join their playgroup

Youngsters at Cherubs Stay 'N' Play Community playgroup

THE people behind Cherubs Stay 'N' Play Community playgroup, which is based in Eavesdale Neighbourhood Centre, Tanhouse are looking for new families to join them.

The group is run by mums and dads from the community, who are trying to make a difference.

Cherubs is open at half term and during school term times from 12.30pm until 2pm. It costs £1 to take children to sessions and the group is for newborn children up to the age of 12. The manager of Cherubs, Sam Davies said: "We are aiming to bring the areas of Tanhouse, Digmoor and Birch Green together.

"We are not just a playgroup, we are here for mums and dads to come and have a brew and a chat while their children have fun. We play together, and stay together!"

The facility has a sensory room, soft play area, crèche for little ones, crafts room for older children, outdoor play area with a park. Sam added: "We come together through special events as a community with discos, trips out to Gulliver's World and more. We can't wait to meet new families, and help them build great memories together."

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The Neighbourhood Plan process enables communities to better shape their area and ensure they have a say on the matter.

The plan is produced following feedback, allowing it to be based on the views and needs of local people.

The plan, and its evidence base, are available on the Burscough Parish Council website, or a hard copy can be viewed at the Parish Council office.

The consultation period will end on Friday October 6.

Ethel with her electric recliner chair.

Ethel grateful for support of charity

A BLIND great-grandmother from Ormskirk has praised staff at a charity for helping her to "transform her life."

Ethel Farrand, 88, who has two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, lives at an assisted living facility.

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Ethel said: "The charity were simply wonderful, they sorted me out a new wheelchair for just £70. The electric recliner chair is perfect, it really has tranformed my life.

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Community groups urged to bid for initiative fund grants

Deadline for applications is September 1

A WEST Lancashire county councillor is urging eligible local groups and organisations to apply for funding from the authority's Local Initiative Fund (LIF) for 2017/18.

Skelmersdale West County Councillor Julie Gibson, Lancashire's shadow lead member for economic regeneration, has welcomed the announcement of the opening of the LIF to help support work in communities.

The fund is open for bids from the voluntary, community and faith sectors across Lancashire to apply for grants and more than £177,000 is available across the 12 districts.

Funding for each district has been shared out based on population, as well as factors such as areas of deprivation.

The LIF Scheme provides the opportunity for third sector groups and organisations in Lancashire to apply for grants between £1,000 and £5,000 if their project supports one of three priorities:

- **Supporting families.**
- **Providing skills and employment initiatives.**
- **Providing activities and programmes for young people aged 12 to 19 (up to 25 for people with learning difficulties or disabilities).**

Skelmersdale West county councillor Julie Gibson

Councillor Gibson said: "The fund is there to enable and support groups across Lancashire working within their communities to help make a difference to residents in those communities.

"The priorities identified aim to target some of our most vulnerable residents enabling them to play a full and active part in their community."

Deadline for applications to be submitted is 5pm on Friday, September 1.

Organisations will be informed about the outcome of their bids in November.

The application pack can be downloaded from the county council website.

Cllr. Gibson added: "If organisations would like more information about the fund and other grants available, they can ring the grants team on 01772 530818 or 01772 536862; or email localinitiativesfund@lancashire.gov.uk."

Important

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, deputy leader of the county council, commented: "We're asking community groups to get in contact and apply for this funding which could directly help to support their work.

"We've previously supported a wide range of projects, including activities for young people, one-off events for the community, training sessions and fitness events.

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Hospital staff set to host stand at Flower Show

DOCTORS, nurses and therapists from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust are hosting a stand at Southport Flower Show this week.

The stand will be hosted by staff from across the hospital who can chat to visitors about working there.

Visitors to the stand, E42, can also enter a quiz to win prizes each day.

Visitors who would also like to talk about working for the Trust can stop by and chat on any day.

On Friday, August 18 from 3pm Dr Alice Bird will be on hand to talk about women's and children's services and Miss Helen Mackay, orthopaedic surgeon, will be available on Sunday, August 20. The team will be there every day from 10am across the four day event.

Breast cancer survivor opens lingerie store

By **Kenny Parker**

A FORMER high school teacher who survived breast cancer twice but found it difficult to source specialist bras locally is ploughing her redundancy money into setting up her own business in Upholland.

Forward-thinking Shirley Rigby, 54, who first beat breast cancer in 1999 before battling the disease for a second time in 2005, was given a double mastectomy as part of her life saving treatment.

While she wishes to teach women that they should be positive about the disease, even writing a short book about her experience, 'Boobs Are Not Everything', she says that she has to travel to Newton-Le-Willows to find bras that can accommodate her needs.

Now, having recently left her job as a cover supervisor at Upholland High School where she had worked for 14 years, she is investing her redundancy money in a new lingerie shop at the Old Post Office on Hall Green, cheerily named Boobilicous, which will also provide a measuring service and bras for women who find themselves in similar circumstances.

"It's a lingerie shop but I am going to be doing a measuring service and selling mastectomy bras as well as lingerie," she said.

"It's just difficult to get bras that fit. You can't just go to Debenhams for them. Because I've had a double mastectomy I need to have pockets in them to hold the prosthesis and it is hard trying to find somewhere to get them, so I thought that if I set it up myself there will be other people the same.

"Nobody else is providing that locally. The NHS send me to this place where I go now in Newton-Le-Willows."

About the book, she said: "For me it was therapy, it helped me get through what I've been through twice, and was just to say to people you can survive cancer because the moment you say 'cancer', it's the end of the world.

"You can survive it, twice even, not always, but it is survivable."

She had about 30 books published and they were very popular and she is considering publishing more to sell in her shop for a breast cancer charity.

Boobilicious is opening at 9am on Saturday, August 19. To celebrate Shirley will be providing refreshments for anyone looking to attend.

The new Boobilicous store and Shirley (above)

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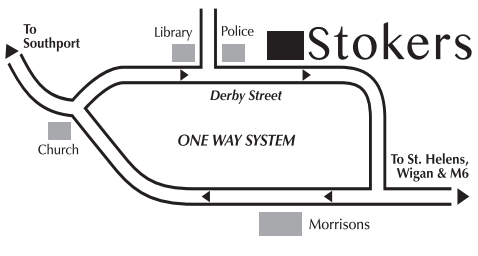

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Trio charged after cannabis with street value of £3m recovered following search at Burscough address

THREE men have been arrested following the discovery of cannabis worth millions of pounds at an address in Burscough.

Detectives from Merseyside Police executed a warrant at a property in Swordfish Close where a quantity of the drug, with an estimated street value of between £2.5 and £3m, was recovered.

Anthony Hill, 30, and John Hill, 32, both of Three Butt Lane, West Derby, and Michael Peremans, 26, of no fixed abode, appeared at Liverpool Magistrates Court on Monday, August 7 charged with being concerned in the supply of a controlled drug. The trio are due to appear at Preston Crown Court on Monday, September 4.

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Final call goes out for Queen's Award Voluntary Service honour

Deadline approaches for nominations

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire is making a final call for people across the county to nominate outstanding volunteer groups for the 2018 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, before this year's September 15 deadline.

This prestigious UK National Honour, which is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a group and has an equivalent status to the MBE, recognises the exceptional contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others.

In June this year, five outstanding groups in Lancashire received the 2017 Award from nominations made across the UK. These groups were nominated by friends, family or members of the public.

Although nominations can be made at any time during the year by visiting https://qavs.direct.gov.uk, for those wishing to be considered for the 2018 award, forms must be received by September 15, 2017.

Mrs Jo Darbyshire, Deputy Lieutenant and Chairman of the Lancashire Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Advisory Panel said, "Lancashire takes great pride in its volunteering groups and the members in them who make such a huge contribution to people's lives.

"They put in many hours of time and spend years quietly improving the lives of local people. They are the unsung heroes of our county, and deserve our praise and thanks for the incredible job they do.

Skem Men-aces

"Individuals coming together as a team to take on mutual service, help to make Lancashire the good place it is for people to live and work. A prestigious National Honour such as The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service not only thanks and recognises volunteers, but can prove invaluable in so many ways to the ongoing success of the organisation.

"I know that volunteers enjoy what they do but often they tackle challenging problems or circumstances which require extra time and effort way beyond the original need. Many successful groups have started by one or two people seeing a need and getting together to do something about it.

"So if you benefit from the activities of a group or you know of a group of exceptional volunteers, please take a little bit of time to nominate them for this very special honour."

In the fifteen years since it was created by Her Majesty to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in 2002 over a 1,000 groups across the UK have received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, including 48 from Lancashire.

Skelmersdale-based football team for adults with learning disabilities, Skem Men-aces, won the QAVS in 2016. The multi-award winning club's website says receving the honour was their "biggest and proudest moment".

Entries will be considered on behalf of groups (two or more people) that have been volunteering for at least three years and more than half its members must be volunteers who have the right of residence in the UK.

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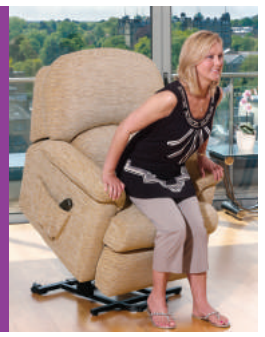

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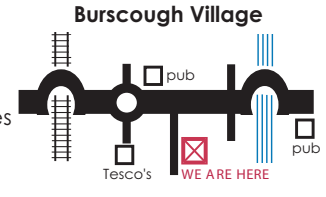

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Town's roads are worse than those in some Third World countries!

HAS anyone noticed the pathetic condition of some of the roads in Skelmersdale?

I've honestly seen better roads in Third World countries - and this from a council that reportedly has £391,000 in excess of public funds.

This same council that now charges us to take away garden waste.

When this charge was announced it was made quite clear that this local government decision, made against the popular vote of their constituents, was irreversible and any protest would be ignored.

There is a popular expression 'the thin edge of the wedge', presumably the next step will be getting charged for plastics and cardboard and maybe later for all rubbish?

I, for one, do not appreciate being dictated to by people who have clearly forgotten they are public servants and have no idea how to properly administer the many hundreds of thousands of pounds lying uselessly in a bank account somewhere.

I don't tend to vote for the types of officials who think they are superior to their constituents.

So how's about doing the will of the people they purportedly serve by fixing our potholes and taking away our garden rubbish for free? After all we do pay for it.

Mr. D. G. Morgan, by email

Call to 'move' Skem out of borough smacks of snobbery not sound economic debate

IN response to letter published in the Champion (August 9) from Patricia Walsh, I was interested and somewhat perplexed by the assertion that Skelmersdale has no socio-economic kinship with Ormskirk or the 'rurals.'

I would be keen to know if Patricia is a resident of Skelmersdale (I suspect not).

She seems to feel that the town of Skelmersdale and its residents are costing the local taxpayer more than anyone else.

What is this assertion based on and why would Wigan or Merseyside serve the town better?

I would dare to assert that, on the contrary, Skelmersdale has long been the poor relative in the borough with its needs often coming bottom of the priority list.

Sorry, Patricia, but this smacks of snobbery rather than good economic debate!

Tracy Hutson, Skelmersdale resident and working taxpayer

Comments were disrespectful to hard-working residents

I AM writing to say how disappointed I was in that you thought it necessary to print the letter by Patricia Walsh in the August 9 issue of the Champion.

These disrespectful comments surely will cause a lot of upset to the law-abiding, hard-working, tax-paying people of Skelmersdale.

The rates we pay in Skelmersdale help to keep Ormskirk due to the fact that Ormskirk accommodates quite a lot of students who don't pay rates etc.

Skelmersdale has nothing in common with Wigan or Liverpool, we have no drinking/late bars or clubs like Ormskirk where everyone heads to. It's not a 'nightlife' place like Ormskirk which has far more in common with them than Skelmersdale.

I am sure that I will not be the only person to write in regarding the letter. I thought the Champion would have had more respect for the town.

Yours, a very disappointed reader.

J.H., by email

PICTURE of the week

The train now arriving... Cloister, one of the visiting engines, steams into the station at West Lancashire Light Railway for last weekend's 'Nearly Fifty' Gala held at their Hesketh Bank site as a run up to next month's fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Readers let down

RE: the letter by Patricia Walsh, I'm really upset that a local newspaper has turned on its customers in Skelmersdale.

You could suggest that these are the views of one individual but by giving these comments airing in the Champion you have let a large part of your readership down.

Derek Warrener, by email

What is happening to our health service?

WHAT is going on with Hillside Health Centre?

The other day I rang for an appointment at 8.30am and it was 8.45 before a receptionist answered.

Then I was told it would be August 25 before I could speak to a doctor and I would be given an appointment if the doctor thought it necessary.

When I questioned this I was told that this is what happens with the health service now, doctors don't make out-of-hours calls anymore.

It's time something was done or do we just say goodbye to doctors and the health service we have all worked for and paid National Insurance for all our working lives?

Jane Nolan, Skelmersdale

Litter in street claims are astonishing and offensive

FURTHER to the letter (Champion, August 9) from the anonymous altruistic Aughton resident who spent a weekend filling a bin bag with bottles collected in Victoria Road.

Having lived in Victoria Road for more than 50 years I find this claim quite astonishing.

I have never witnessed the road 'strewn with rubbish' and to say 'the residents can't be bothered themselves yet are quite happy for others to do it' is quite offensive.

Most of the residents are elderly and are meticulous in ensuring the road is kept neat and tidy by themselves or their gardener.

To emphasise a point, frequently exaggeration is employed, and I think this anonymous resident has done just that.

W. A. Welch,Victoria Road, Aughton

Action is needed now at dangerous road junction

HAVING read Tara Pilkington's concerns about Junction Lane/Rees Park in Burscough in the August 2 edition of the Champion, I must agree completely.

Living close to this area, I have witnessed numerous accidents which have involved both the police and ambulance services and resulting in casualties being taken to hospital.

I have also witnessed heavy goods and farm vehicles being guilty of jumping the traffic lights at high speed.

Rosie Cooper has been informed of this problem and Lancashire County Council carried out a speed survey in November 2015.

Their conclusion was that no action was necessary other than a ***smiley face*** sensor and a small police notice by the Junction Lane bridge!

This is completely inadequate for this very dangerous area. Are we awaiting another serious accident to occur before any action is taken?

Concerned Burscough resident

Uncleared verges are down to shoddy work

IN response to the letter by Roz of Friends of The Earth Ormskirk branch (Champion, August 2) regarding vegetation clearance in Aughton.

She mentions that the council have left areas where creatures can live.

I can assure you they have not and the only reason these areas are untouched is because the standard of workmanship in clearance is appalling and the nominated contractor by Lancashire County Council should be compelled to explain such shoddy work.

John Brown, Eskdale Avenue, Aughton

Care trust research team tops national 'league table'

A TEAM from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has beaten other trusts from across the country - including London, Birmingham and Leeds - by topping one of the categories in a national NHS league table on research.

The trust topped the 'volume of research' category of the Research Activity League Table for 2016/17 published by the NHS National Institute of Health Research (NIHR).

The table shows the extent of research activity across all NHS Care trusts in England, providing a picture of how much clinical research is happening, where, in what types of trusts, and involving how many participants.

Andrew Pennington, associate director of Lancashire Care's research & development department, said: "In order to achieve such an outstanding level of work, the team is involved with a broad spectrum of studies. Research isn't always a science fiction type scenario – recruits may simply need to fill in a questionnaire online.

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"They don't even need to be unwell. Some studies, for example, are for healthy volunteers who are willing to give a small amount of blood.

"The trust is also involved in some cutting edge trials; there are several Alzheimer's commercial trials, with our patients having the opportunity to receive treatments that are not routinely available within the NHS.

"And, following the results of a recent study, changes in practice to support people with learning disabilities who have experienced severe depression are under way."

More than 10,000 participants have benefited from taking part in research conducted through Lancashire Care over the past six years.

Members of the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's research and development team

The work of the research & development department was also recognised at the 2017 North West Coast Research & Innovation Awards where it was shortlisted in three categories.

One member of the team, Professor Nusrat Husain, won in the Role Model of the Year category due to his extensive research across cultural mental health care with an emphasis on South Asian women with post-natal depression.

The department also jointly operates the clinical research facility, which opened in April 2016 at the Royal Preston Hospital site, to provide more opportunities for people in Lancashire and Cumbria to participate in high-quality clinical research.

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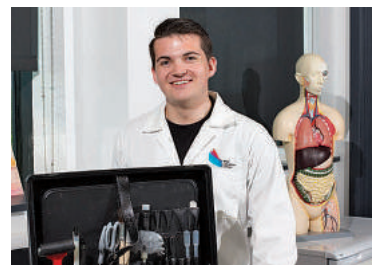

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MP Rosie Cooper and Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn

MP welcomes the visit of Labour leader for rally

By **Kenny Parker**

LABOUR Leader Jeremy Corbyn's upcoming rally on Southport Beach this Friday (August 18) bodes well for the next general election, says West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper.

Corbyn is currently on a tour of national marginal seats and was invited by Labour's MP for Sefton Central, Bill Esterson, to campaign in the key constituency of Southport as part of his itinerary.

He will be campaigning on the beach at the southern end of Marine Drive from 5.30pm. Rosie Cooper, who is understood to be a long-term supporter of the Labour leader, long before his recent surge in popularity at the General Election, said his visit shows just how serious Labour are about winning the seat.

She said: "That Southport is appearing on Jeremy's tour shows just how serious the Labour Party is about winning this seat at the next General Election.

"Liz Savage and the rest of Southport's Labour team did a fantastic job in the last General Election.

"I have no doubt that they will be ready to mount a successful campaign the next time Southport goes to the ballot box."

MP Esterson said: "Southport is the only neighbouring seat to my own that has a Conservative MP. As soon as the general election result was known, it was clear that Southport is now a straight fight between the Conservatives and Labour. It is a key marginal constituency that Labour needs to win to form a government. That is why I asked Jeremy Corbyn to make Southport a priority in his summer campaign.

"Jeremy showed just how good he is at campaigning during the general election and he inspired a new generation of voters to become involved. Labour's membership has gone up dramatically. In Sefton Central we had dozens of people helping with the campaign both in my constituency and in nearby key seats like Wirral West."

Saying that the Labour manifesto offered an alternative to the economics of austerity, MP Esterson continued: "Jeremy Corbyn and Labour's manifesto have given hope and I am thrilled that Jeremy is bringing that message of hope to the people of Southport.

"I look forward to being there with him to introduce him to what promises to be a very well attended and supported campaign session. Now I am sure he will inspire the people of Southport."

Southport MP Damien Moore responded: "Although Jeremy Corbyn and any other MP is, of course, welcome to visit Southport and see the attractions we have for visitors, I am puzzled as to why he is holding a campaign rally on our beach."

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Alan Kennedy with Town Green Co Op store manager Dan Lee, West Lancs deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert at last week's opening.

Reds legend opens new supermarket

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LIVERPOOL legend player Alan Kennedy helped to kick off a new supermarket in Aughton.

The football star accompanied shop manager Dan Lee and West Lancs Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, as they cut the ribbon to signify the opening of the new Co-op store, on Town Green Lane, on Thursday, August 10 in front of staff and shoppers.

Also in attendance were scouts from 40th Ormskirk, Aughton.

The food store, which has created 13 new jobs, occupies the site of the former Cockbeck Tavern pub.

The 2,000 sq ft store will be open from 7am to 11pm Monday to Saturday and from 8am to 11pm on Sundays.

Dan said: "We are looking forward to being at the heart of the Aughton community, providing for all of our customers' convenience needs with our award-winning products and extensive range selection.

"Our team will provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our customers and community."

Alan Kennedy, 62, who lives in Aughton, played for Liverpool between 1978 and 1986 and helped the Reds to five league titles, four league cups, three charity shields, and two European cups.

He was the first player to ever score in two European cup finals.

Search is on for most unusual bike routes

CYCLISTS are being called on to share their favourite cycling routes in Ormskirk and West Lancs to encourage others to get on their bike.

A guide revealing the most fun and unusual bike rides, suggested by the cyclists who discovered them, is being compiled as part of a project to mark bike hire scheme Bike & Go's fourth birthday.

Now local cyclists are being called on to reveal their own favourite routes that people wouldn't necessarily find on cycle maps.

The suggestions will then be compiled into an online guide which will be made available on the Bike & Go website.

David O' Leary, director of Bike & Go, said: "In the four years that Bike & Go has been operating, our bikes have been used for thousands of bike rides by cyclists of all levels.

"Conversations with our users have revealed that many people like going for a casual bike ride, but need new ideas as to where to cycle.

Bike & Go director David O'Leary with one of their hire bikes.

"We know there are many seasoned cyclists out there who have a wealth of experience that can be shared with those who perhaps don't cycle quite as often. We're appealing to them to suggest some interesting and fun bike ride ideas that will let cyclists experience the local area from a different viewpoint, while still enjoying all the benefits that cycling can bring."

Bike & Go offers bike hire facilities from almost 70 participating train stations across England and Scotland, including Ormskirk.

Last year the scheme was praised by a UK division of the travel giant TripAdvisor when it was included in a list of the top seven bicycle hire companies drawn up by its subsidiary rental company Holiday Lettings.

To suggest a bike ride, email your suggestion to info@bikeandgo.co.uk by Sunday, August 20. All suitable entries will be compiled into the online guide.

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RECENTLY-installed average speed cameras have gone live on the A565 Southport New Road in Tarleton.

The cameras will 'police' an average 50mph speed limit on the Southport to Tarleton bypass on a stretch of road from the Gravel Lane roundabout, to the Mere Brow roundabout, and then on towards traffic lights at Tarleton; a total of 3.7 miles.

The Lancashire Road Safety Partnership, which includes representatives from Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Highways England and the office of the police and crime commissioner, approved the scheme last year in a bid to reduce road casualties and collisions.

The partnership decided to adopt the system using average speed cameras as motorist compliance has consistently improved on a variety of road types using the system in other parts of the UK.

A Lancashire Police spokesperson said: "The cameras will use number plate recognition technology to detect vehicles and calculate their average speed by measuring the time taken to travel between fixed points of a known distance apart.

"Average speed check signage will be used to inform drivers that they are entering an average speed control zone.

"The introduction of the system is intended to positively influence driver behaviour and ensure that motorists comply with the set limits on roads, resulting in a safer environment for all road users.

"Anyone detected breaching the speed limits may end up attending a speed awareness course; accept a conditional offer of a fixed penalty (currently £100 and three penalty points), or for higher speeds the matter may be referred to court."

Child arrests in county down by 72 per cent

ARRESTS of children by Lancashire Police have fallen by 72 per cent in the last six years, figures published by the Howard League for Penal Reform have revealed.

Research by the charity has found that the force made 2,775 arrests of children aged 17 and under last year, down from 9,779 in 2010.

The charity says the statistics underline the success of a major Howard League programme working with police forces to keep as many boys and girls as possible out of the criminal justice system.

The total number of arrests has fallen every year since the league's campaign began in 2010.

Academic research has shown that the more contact a child has with the system, the more entrenched they are likely to become, which increases re-offending rates.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said: "For the sixth year running, we have seen a significant reduction in child arrests across the country. This is a tremendous achievement, and we will continue to support police forces to develop their good practice and reduce the number to an absolute minimum.

"Lancashire Police should be applauded for their positive approach, and the Howard League is proud to have played its part in a transformation that will make our communities safer."

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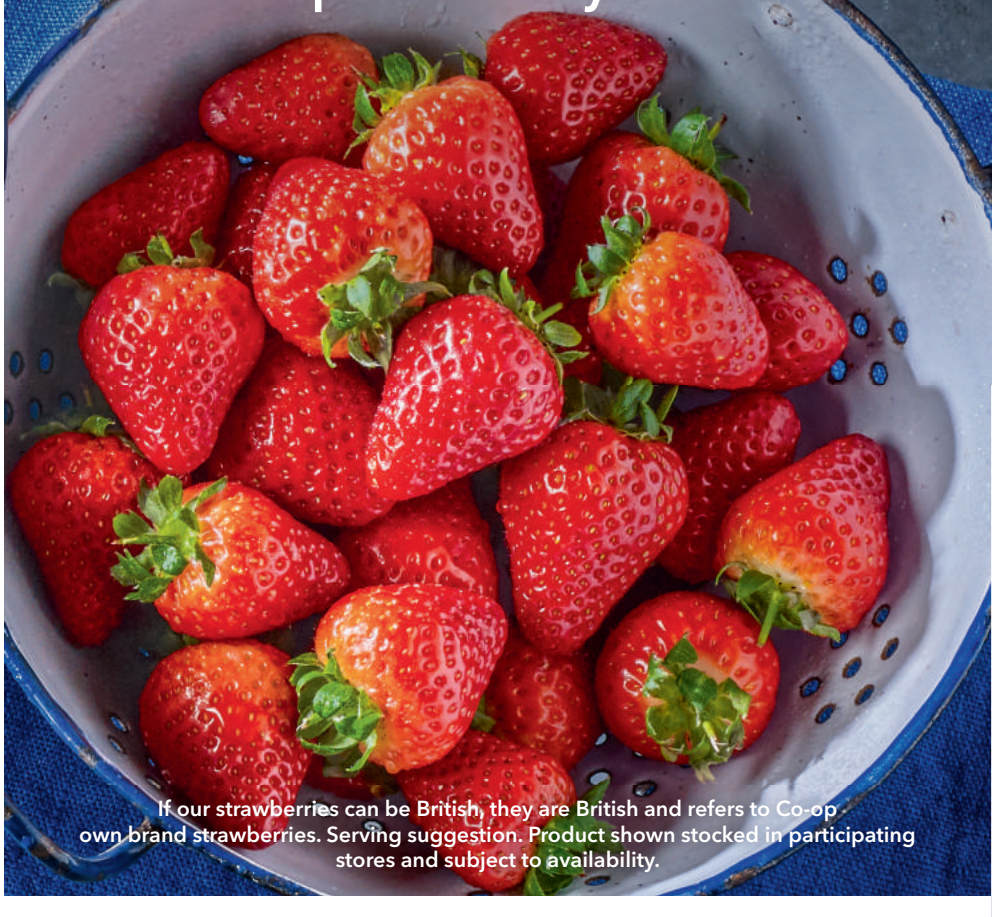

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New drive to recruit more foster carers

WITH around 20 children in the county needing homes each week, Lancashire County Council is once again looking to recruit new foster carers.

And with the authority having recently increased the allowances payable, it is hoped that people who have considered fostering previously but weren't sure they could afford it, may now find it a viable option.

Foster carers can now expect to receive between £241 and £415 per week for each child they care for.

An information evening for those interested is being held tonight (Wednesday, August 16) starting at 6pm at County Hall, Preston offering the oppportunity to meet experienced social workers and current carers and ask questions .

Booking isn't necessary but anyone wishing to take part is asked to arrive early.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We have increased our allowances to foster carers this year in recognition of their valuable role in providing loving homes for the children in our care.

"There is also a rising demand for placements with more children and young people coming into the care of the local authority each week.

"We are looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all we ask is that you have a spare room available and want to make a difference to a child's life."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

Anyone interested but unable to attend the information evening can contact the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit the website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

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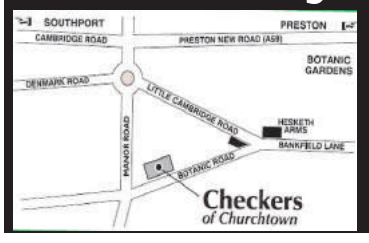

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Joanne Fairclough with Aughton Male Voice Choir on tour to Germany in 2016.

New choir looking for singers

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FIND yourself singing in the shower and thinking heaven must be missing an angel?

Well, help is at hand. Joanne Fairclough, a music teacher and pianist with the Aughton Male Voice Choir (AMVC) is looking for men, women, and children over the age of 11, to join her in a new choir she is planning to set up next month.

The new choir, which will be called The Consolette Choir, named after the piano she first received at seven years old, will meet for rehearsals at the Stanley Club, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, on Tuesday nights 7.30-9.30pm from September 12. It is open to people of any ability and the cost will be £5 per week. As she plans to play a broad range of music styles from music hall, pop, folk, African, and classical, she says the emphasis is just on having fun.

Joanne, 56, an accomplished pianist, has been thinking of this new project for about a year. She finally decided to take the plunge after being inspired by Caroline Lusher, the founder of award winning and nationwide Rock Choir, when recently attending her daughter's graduation at the London College of Music.

"I need people to get in touch with me. Beginners are welcome and you do not have to have any experience," she said.

For more information, contact Joanne on 01704 896824 or 07791 461739, or email joanneffairclough@outlook.com.

AMVC rehearse on Mondays at Aughton Village Hall, Winifrid Lane, at 7.30pm (8pm every second Monday) and new members are always welcome.

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Has autumn arrived so early?

A CHAMPION reader was alarmed to spot that autumn appears to have reached Tarleton very early this year - as some of the trees and bushes have already started shedding their leaves!

Michael Lonsdale from Tarleton took a photograph showing a huge pile of leaves mounting up on the pavement in Mark's Square recently. He said: "It looks very much like autumn has already arrived with the amount of leaves on the pavement. The trees don't look too good - do any readers know if it was the dry spring or if they are they diseased? Or has Autumn really come at the beginning of August? Is it the same in other areas?"

Dr. Bill Hanlin from crop and plant management company Wilkes County Centre said: "Trees drop their leaves early for a variety of reasons. Leaves that have been infested with insects or diseases will, often, drop early. Pests like scales, mites and white flies can also cause early defoliation. Spraying a pesticide will eliminate the infestation, but may not be practical for large trees.

"Another reason trees drop their leaves early is drought stress. We have had a couple of dry periods this summer which can put considerable stress on area trees. Mulching and deep watering will prevent the tree from being stressed in dry years."

Michael Lonsdale's photograph shows a huge pile of leaves mounting up in Tarleton

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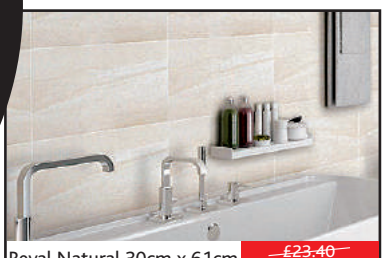

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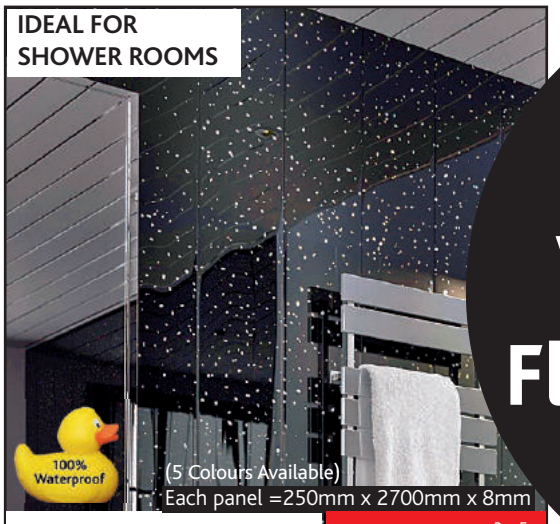

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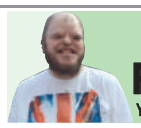

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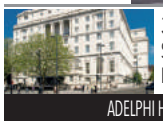

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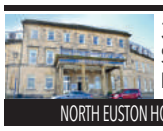

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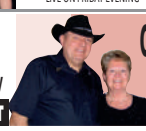

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On track for shaky transport future - all thanks to those not-so-bright sparks in Government!

OH, the power of the press!

Within minutes of the Champion popping through her door last week, Louisa Hopkins - remember, the lady who lost her keyring? - contacted me and we had a lovely chat.

Unhappily, the errant keyring, which carried a photo of her late husband, is still missing. Louisa is virtually certain she took it out of her bag while paying for her shopping at Morrison's in Maghull.

She told me: "I was talking and laughing with the girl on the till and thought no more about it until I got home and found I had no key!"

I reckon the keyring must have remained on the checkout and been accidentally scooped up with someone else's shopping. So, if you've discovered a stray keyring fitting the description, please return it to Morrison's who will reunite it with Louisa.

All of which doesn't bring me neatly to what I was going to talk about this week - diesel (and petrol), electricity, and the perfidy of government.

I listened to the announcement that diesel and petrol vehicles will be banned from our roads by 2040 and I presume this would also cover such machines as my poor old boat, *Manxman*, fitted as she is with a diesel engine.

That could seriously upset me but it doesn't though because by the proposed cut-off date I would be seriously elderly and somehow doubt I could still be afloat by then.

But the sheer stupidity, untruths, and gall of the Government truly astounds me.

I'm fine with wanting to save the planet and make our air breathable, but to blithely commit the nation to finding a sustainable alternative energy source without any real idea of what, is staggering.

Electric vehicles are fine, though from what I've been told the carbon footprint for the production of these is quite enormous. And electric trains are fine too; at least they have a proven track record.

So our trains' future at least seems secure.

But it isn't, is it? Because this same Government which is hell-bent on committing us to a somewhat shaky electric future on the roads, has also just announced that it will not, after all, be pressing ahead with the electrification of hundreds of miles of railway. It would apparently be too expensive and bad value for money.

Not to worry though - the Government has a crafty plan. The wonderful, electric-powered new express train will still go ahead. The original plan was for these trains to take over from the HST 125mph diesel trains on lines to the Midlands, Wales, and the South West. For some short unelectified lengths of track some of them would also be fitted with relatively small diesel engines.

Now though, many of these wonderful new trains will be expected to run hundreds of miles on the now not-to-be-electrified lines at HST schedules (or better), so they will need BIG diesel engines in order even to (nearly) keep to present timings.

Two faced or what?

Mind you, I have never been a fully committed member of the overhead electrification brigade. How many times have you turned on the radio or TV in the morning, to hear that trains have been cancelled because of damage (either through bad weather or simply failure) to the overhead wiring?

Which, of course, brings the whole line to a stop, because unlike a diesel train failure you cannot simply send out another (diesel) unit to tow the casualty away. First you have to un-knit the tangle of overhead wiring (obviously with all power switched off) and THEN send a diesel to drag the culprit home.

That's the 'Sparks Effect' for you.

Care home friends enjoy a right 'Royal' treat at the Clifton!

CARE providers from West Lancs and Sefton teamed up to hold an afternoon tea event for a friendship group made up of elderly residents.

The Community Activities Hub, launched earlier this year by Athena Health Care Group's former head of healthcare, Gaye Clark and events co-ordinator, Lesley Malone, aims to bring together care home residents from both areas to make friends and enjoy day trips out.

For their latest gathering residents from Abbey Wood Lodge, Ormskirk, Arranmore Park, Burscough and Parklands Lodge, Dale Park Care Home and the Promenade Rest Home, in Southport, met at the resort's Royal Clifton Hotel for lunch and entertainment.

Lesley Malone said: "Parklands Lodge resident, Ruby Slater, helped to organise the friendship event with activity co-ordinators. She chose the colour of the flowers for the table centrepieces, the music and the food served.

"And thanks go to the Royal Clifton for their hospitality and to Rob Steel for great entertainment."

The Community Activities Hub group event in full swing at the Royal Clifton

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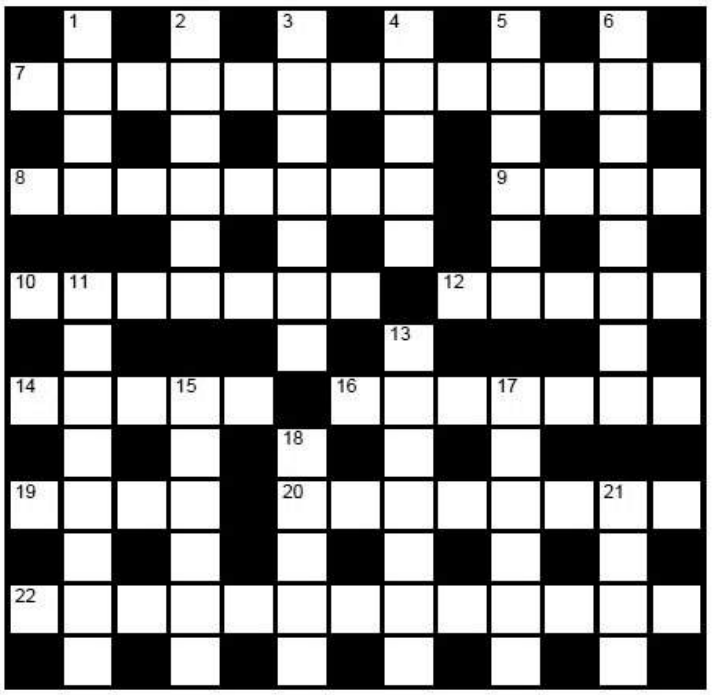

Last week's solutions:
Across: 7. Deform. 8. Marshy. 9. Doss. 10. Ignominy. 11. Stadium. 13. Satyr. 15. Diary. 16. Pass out. 18. Biathlon. 19. Harm. 21. Throne. 22. Frolic.
Down: 1. Zero. 2. Consideration. 3. Omnibus. 4. Amend. 5. Grammar school. 6. Thank you. 12. Twilight. 14. Magnify. 17. Sleet. 20. Rail.

ACROSS

7. Sequence of words, usually alliterative, difficult to pronounce quickly and correctly (6,7)
8. Overwhelm, flood (8)
9. Plant of the grass family that grows in water or on marshy ground (4)
10. Portable breathing device used for relieving asthma or other bronchial congestion (7)
12. Take without permission (5)
14. Come or go into (a place) (5)
16. Meat trader (7)
19. Deride, boo (4)
20. Dead or appear to be (8)
22. Units used in measuring distance at sea (8, 5)

DOWN

1. Hard, permanent outgrowth, often curved and pointed, found on the heads of certain animals (4)
2. East African country, capital Kampala (6)
3. Overdue (7)
4. Person that something belongs to (5)
5. Vivacious cleverness or wit (6)
6. Tea, coffee, beer etc. (8)
11. Chemical element such as carbon, nitrogen or phosphorus for example (8)
13. Common name for the American bison (7)
15. List of corrected errors appended to a book (6)
17. Any of several breeds of dog bred for herding sheep (6)
18. Utensil with broad, flat blade for lifting foods such as cake and fish (5)
21. Expel large quantities of (something) rapidly and forcibly (4)

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Town to hold first Strummer Jam Festival

A STRUMMER Jam Festival is be held at the E Rooms in Westgate, Skelmersdale this Friday (August 18) and Saturday (August 19) to raise money for the Joe Strummer Foundation.

There will be 22 local acts over two stages and the money will go towards the foundation which helps musicians.

There will be free entry to the event with one stage indoors and one stage outdoors. The music will start at 1pm on the Saturday and 7pm on the Friday.

The headline act on the Friday is the Wigan Punk band called Riggotts, and Redeyed Jedi – a six piece ska band are the headline act on the Saturday.

Steve Horrocks, who is director of the E Rooms said: "The Joe Strummer Foundation's aims to provide opportunities to musicians and support to projects around the world that create empowerment through music. The foundation was set up by Joe Strummer, who was the Clash lead singer.

"It is hard work trying to organise 22 bands to play at the event. We have been working on this for the last three months and hope to raise lots of money.

"We usually hold a charity festival every year, but this is the first time that we have organised one for the Joe Strummer Foundation.

"During the weekend there will be a festival atmosphere and there will be hot dogs for sale. Hopefully the sun will shine and everyone will have a fantastic time."

For more information on the bands that will be playing at the festival call 01695 731016.

Billie Piper (Her) in Yerma at the Young Vic. Photo by Johan Persson

Best films from Hollywood being shown at Picture House

THERE is a mix of films from Hollywood and presentations from the National Theatre over the coming months at Parbold Picture House.

Jackie, which looks at the life of Jacqueline "Jackie" Kennedy on the days following the assassination of President John F Kennedy, is being shown on Sunday, August 20 at 7pm. It stars Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard and Billy Crudup.

There is to be a National Theatre NT Live presentation on Tuesday, August 22 at 7pm of Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika.

Yerma is being shown on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm. It stars Billie Piper, who won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Actress for her role in the production.

On Sunday, September 3 at 7pm Their Finest can be seen. It features Gemma Arterton, Bill Nighy, and Sam Clafin. Their Finest is a romantic drama about a film crew making propaganda films during WWII.

Arrival can be seen on Sunday, September 17 at 7pm. The director is Denis Villeneuve and the film stars Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner and Forest Whitaker. In the film an expert linguist is called on to communicate with extra-terrestrials.

On Sunday, October 1 at 7pm Denial is being shown. It is directed by Mick Jackson and stars Rachel Weisz, Tom Wilkinson and Timothy Spall. It is the true story of the libel case of David Irving against Deborah Lipstadt on the issue of 'Holocaust Denial'.

People can see Paterson on Sunday, October 15 at 7pm. It is directed by Jim Jarmusch and stars Adam Driver, Golshifteh Farahani, Helen-Jean Arthur. This is a film about a week in the life of a bus-driver poet in the city of Paterson, New Jersey.

For more information on these shows contact 01257 464533, or email – parboldpicturehouse@gmail.com, or visit www.parboldpicturehouse.org

Popular rock & roll show returns

AFTER three decades of touring, the Rock & Roll variety production That'll Be The Day returns to Southport Theatre with another show.

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The show makes its regular August bank holiday weekend visit to Southport Theatre on Saturday, August 26 at 7.30pm.

Originally established on the cabaret circuit in the late 1980s, the show began playing regional theatres in the early 1990s. Now it performs over 200 shows a year to capacity audiences across the UK. Trevor Payne (who first created the show back in 1986!) still directs, produces and stars in the production today.

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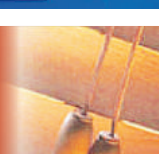

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7th August 2017
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Aged 89 years
of Ormskirk

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RIMMER DEREK

12th August 2017
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THAIN WILLIAM (BILL)

9th August 2017
Peacefully at his home in Ormskirk, aged 92 years

The dearly loved Husband of the late May, loving Dad of Lorna, devoted Grandad of Haydn, Kerry & David and Linton & Melanie and Great Grandad to Thomas, Esme, Isla and Lottie. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Thursday 17th August 2017 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel 01695 722122/720012

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Aged 39 years.

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7th August 2017
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Aged 78 years
of Aughton

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BOLTON NORMA (Nee Hesketh)

6th August 2017
Peacefully at home in her loving husbands arms, aged 72 years

Much loved Wife of Roy, devoted Mum of Nicola and Aaron, cherished Nan of Daniel and Lucy, dear Mother-in-law of Howard and Joy, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 17th August at 10.45am, family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice or any chosen charity. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

ROBERTS PAT

(Formerly Glover - Nee Carr)

8th August 2017

Aged 85 Years

Loving Mum of Mike, Paul, Brent and Sharon, cherished Nan and Great Grandma of all her Grandchildren, a dear Mother-in-law and a friend to many, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. It will be family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for the Alzheimer's Society. For funeral details and further enquiries please contact Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

GALLAGHER RICHARD JOSEPH (RICHIE)

9th August 2017

Passed away at home after a courageous battle, aged 85 years

Dearly loved Husband of the late Doreen, much loved Dad of Ann and Lola his dog. Loved Brother of Maureen. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral service at St Helens Parish Church, Sefton on Thursday 24th August 2017 at 11.45am followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium at 12.40. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the Donkey Sanctuary or Save The Children c/o H-Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

BRYANT MARGARET CLARE

On 4th August 2017

Peacefully in hospital

Aged 79 years

and of Parbold

Beloved Wife of Anthony. Requiem Mass will be offered on Wednesday 23rd August 2017 at Our Lady's and All Saints Church, Parbold at 11am followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Cats Protection League c/o. All enq. T&ME Walsh 46-48 Preston Road, Standish Tel 01257 421608.

DEATHS

ROBERTS PAT

Sadly passed away on 8th August 2017, aged 85 years

"Goodnight and God Bless Mum"

Paul, Hannah and family

ROBERTS PATRICIA

17.3.1932 - 8.8.2017

We were far away in miles, but close at heart. All our love Mum,

Sharon and family

ROBERTS PAT

Suddenly at home on 8th August 2017

Rest in peace Mum

Your loving son

Mike, Julie and family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KERRIGAN FRANK

The family of the late Frank Kerrigan wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown during their recent bereavement. Also for the kind donations to Queenscourt Hospice who provided much support during Frank's illness. Thanks also to Father Gamble and Co Op Funeral care

CURRAN ROSE

The family of the late Rose Curran would like to give their sincere thanks for all the kindness and sympathy shown during their recent bereavement. Thanks also for the many donations for Queenscourt Hospice and H.Hardman & Co Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COPELAND ROGER

Gill and family would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kindness and support at this sad time. Thank you all for the cards and donations to Autism Initiatives. With special thanks to the staff at Manchester House Nursing Home who treated Roger with the utmost care, kindness and respect during his time there. Also thanks to Rev. Martin Abrams who gave a beautiful service and was a great help during this time. With thanks also to Derek Crawford and his team at Howard's Funeral Directors who did everything to accommodate the family's wishes.

LLOYD DOREEN

The family of the late Doreen Lloyd would like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours, for all their messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for Queenscourt Hospice received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Mum, Nan and Great Grandmother. Thanks also to Rev. Ross Moughtin for his kind ministrations and MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

TORRENS MARGARET

The Family of the late Margaret Torrens would like to express their hearfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for all their messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for The British Heart Foundation, received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Deacon Ken Breen for his kind words of comfort, and Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

BIRCH MICHELE

Two very sad years since you left us.All those that knew you loved you,and all those that loved you will never ever forget you.

Loved and missed more than words could ever say.

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Carole & Simon
Grandson's and Great Grandchildren

CHEETHAM Julie

August 19th

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Grief will not last, joy will return
For through our tears we clearly see that while we part but for a time, with Christ we'll spend eternity.

Loved and remembered always
Mum and Dad
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(1. Thessalonians Chap. 4 V.13-17)

IN MEMORIAM

MUNRO

In memory of my Two darling Sons Roddy and Kenny.

Always in my thoughts.

Loving Mum.

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IN MEMORIAM

MCCABE LIAM

18th August

Precious Son and Brother. Still always in our hearts and thoughts. So deeply loved and missed.

Love from Mum, Roisin, Carla and Brendan xxxx

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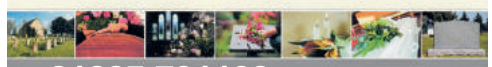

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O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Philbin Glass Recycling Ltd of The Glass Building, Corporation Street, Wigan WN3 5BU is applying for a licence to use KA Warehousing, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale WN8 8EA as an operating centre for 4 goods vehicle and 0 trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Jawa Ltd of 6 Chequer Lane, Upholland, Skelmersdale, WN8 0DA is applying for a licence to use Knowhow, 8 Prospect Place, Prescott Rd, Skelmersdale WN8 9QD as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicle and 0 trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected should make written representations to the traffic commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the traffic commissioners office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the event) from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below;.
i. School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane,
ii. Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane,
iii. Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom),
iv. Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane,
v. Ruff Lane in a South Easterly direction from its junction with Beech Meadow to its junction with Vicarage Lane

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is as follows;
i. Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - A577 Wigan Road and vice versa
ii. Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - School Lane - Vicarage Lane
iii. A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - A577 Wigan Road A570 St Helens Road - Scarth Hill Lane and vice versa

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, vehicular access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the safe holding of the West Lancashire Summer Triathlon event 2017.

The prohibitions will be operative from, 0700 hours until 1230 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/8149/WH]

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LOTTERY RESULTS

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road - B5197 St Annes Road - A59 Holburn Hill - A59 County Road and vice versa.
ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) - A570 St Helens Road - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.

The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

AND FURTHER, the existing one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the event.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/8625/WH]

Schedule of Temporary Road Closures
Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2017
A570 Derby Street West; from its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with B5319 Burscough Street. A570 Derby Street; from its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street. A570 Stanley Street; from its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road. A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road. A577 St Helens Road; from its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road. A570 Park Road; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street. A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with Railway Road (0900-1700).

Reversing Flow on existing one way Street
Moorgate
Plus an Order to reverse the flow of existing one way traffic during the closure period on Moorgate between its junctions with Park Road and Bridge Street.

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0688/FUL Erection of a new glasshouse and replacement of existing glasshouse at Mere House Nurseries, 69 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0769/LBC Listed Building Consent - External works (Retrospective) at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0770/FUL External works (Retrospective) at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0775/FUL Amendment to approved plans for the conversion of barn to dwelling, including single storey extension at Barn Hey, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0776/LBC Listed Building Consent - Amendment to approved plans for the conversion of barn to dwelling, including single storey extension at Barn Hey, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0817/FUL Replacement south western elevation involving a single-storey extension to the existing ground floor gym including internal re-modelling to the cellar stair location along with internal modifications to the ground floor parlour and lounge and first floor modifications to the master bedroom and guest bedrooms at Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington.
Application No: 2017/0818/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replacement south western elevation involving a single storey extension to the existing ground floor gym including internal re-modelling to the cellar stair location along with internal modifications to the ground floor parlour and lounge and first floor modifications to the master bedroom and guest bedrooms at Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington.
Application No: 2017/0820/FUL First floor side Extension above an existing garage at The Meadow, Hillock Lane, Scarisbrick.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 16th August 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT961

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SANDY LANE AND WITHAM ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Sandy Lane and Witham Road, Skelmersdale from Clayton Street to a point outside property number 12 Witham Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on 28/08/2017 until 0800 hours on 15/09/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No Diversion route required - Pedestrian access for residents will be maintained.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7907/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Moss lane, Hesketh Bank from outside property number 407 to outside property number 429.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on 21/08/2017 until 1700 hours on 29/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Moss Lane - Station Road - Shore Road - Hundred End Lane - Taylors Meanygate - Moss Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/6843/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE (LC), SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of Pool Hey Lane (LC) from a point 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2200 hours on 21/08/2017 until 0800 hours on 22/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A570 Southport Road - Snape Green - Wyke Cop Road - Wyke Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7921/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SMITHY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick from its Junction with Southport Road to its junction with Moorfield Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on 21/08/2017 until 1700 hours on 25/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Smithy Lane - A570 Southport Road - Bescar Brow Lane - Hall Road - Dam Wood Lane - Heatons Bridge Road - Smithy Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/8752/WH]

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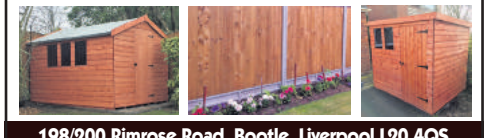

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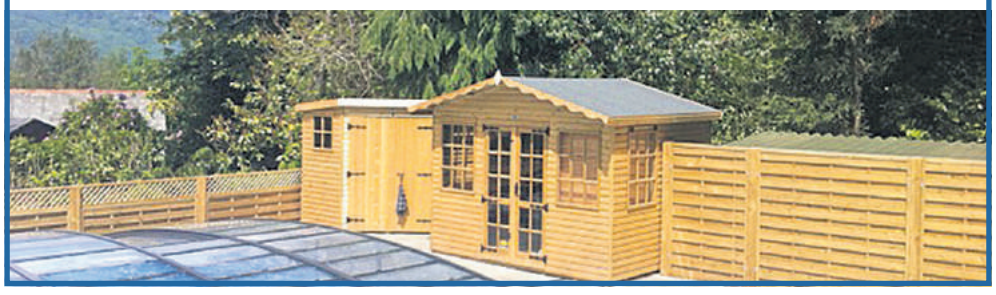

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This week's musing is a tale of two motors!

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WILLY Russell fans might want to stick around for this week's motoring musings. It's essentially *Blood Brothers* in four-wheeled format, albeit starring a couple of old Peugeots rather than two Scousers separated at birth.

Our two protagonists both happen to 205 GTis, born in the same French factory and fitted with the same delightfully revvy 1.9-litre, 105bhp engine. They were even painted the same shade of Alpine White, and both were welcomed into a world where excitable road testers thought the 205 GTi was the best hot hatch ever made. With the exception of not quite having the same birthday – oh alright, one's three years older than the other – they're pretty much identical.

Except, as anyone familiar with Liverpudlian musicals will testify, they really aren't. Our two go-faster Peugeots, having led very different lives once they'd left the factory, both happened to go under the hammer at two separate auctions within 24 hours of each other recently. The younger of the two, which had done 103,000 miles but definitely wasn't a shabby example, was yours for a shade under six grand. But its older brother has fewer than 6000 miles on the clock and has been doted on for the past five years by a Peugeot evangelist, so you'd expect it'd fetch a little bit more at auction.

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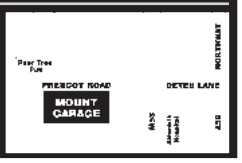

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Ormskirk win thriller to make National Cup semi-final

ORMSKIRK beat Yorkshire side Hanging Heaton by two wickets in a thrilling quarter final of the Royal London National Knockout on Sunday.

The Bradford League side won the toss and batted and set a decent target of 229, with Scott Lees and Alex Mason each taking three wickets.

Ormskirk kept up with the run rate in reply but lost key wickets at key times to put the result in doubt until the penultimate over.

Michael Jones again top scored with 71, ably assisted by Josh Bohannon (34) and Gary Knight (30).

But it was left to Tom Hartley to hit the winning runs in the gloom to set up a semi-final at Wolverhampton on Sunday, August 27.

They had been involved another tight match the day before in their Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division encounter at Colwyn Bay, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

Ormskirk were asked to bat first and racked up 267-3 dec, with Michael Jones 82 and unbeaten 53's from George Lavelle and Gary Knight leading the way, whilst both Andy Baybutt with 37 and Josh Bohannon 34 went passed 500 league runs for the season.

In reply, Buddhika 79 and Johansen 46 top scored for the hosts who ended on 254-9 with Ormskirk just unable to force victory despite Bohannon taking four wickets but they still stay well clear at the top of the table.

Ainsdale recorded their first win of the campaign with a ten wicket win at fellow strugglers Southport & Birkdale. S&B chose to bat and slid from 28-0 to 94 all out, with Sam White taking 5-35 and veteran Mal Swift bowling unchanged to finish with 4-41. In reply, Faiz Fazal hit an unbeaten 56* and Andy Davies was undefeated on 34*.

Bootle were held to a draw at home against Rainhill. The visitors were put in to bat and thanks to Sam Kershaw 54, Tyler McGladdery 53 and Mike Rotheram 35 put 203 up on the board, with Chris Liptrot taking 5-47. In reply, Vishal Tripathi 63 and Luke Procter 40 top scored as the hosts eventually settled for a draw on 169-5.

Northern and New Brighton fought out a draw at Moor Park, the visitors were bowled out for 196, with Andrew Clarke top scoring with 116. In reply, opener Liam Grey hit an unbeaten 69* as Northern were left hanging on at 165-9, with Ashraf Nawab taking 5-48.

Burscough hold on for a draw at Prestatyn

IN the First Division Burscough came away from Prestatyn with a draw on Saturday.

The hosts were asked to bat and thanks to 115 from Sheil Sethi and 52 from Danny Williams were able to declare their innings on 221-8, with Rob Glaysher 4-23 and skipper Jon Stone 3-51 doing most of the damage with the ball.

In reply, Burscough overcome a wobbly start to finish on 164-6 with Ben Van Niekerk scoring 46 and Stone 39 in good touch, with Kieron New taking 4-48.

They host Orrell Red Triangle on Saturday.

Brodie unlucky not find target in league opener for Skem

Brighouse Town 1
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United returned over the Pennines last Saturday feeling a little hard done by, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Playing their first game in Division One North since 2013, on balance of play they deserved something out of a match that saw both sides go close to scoring a few more goals.

Brighouse started sharply and Jack Sims tipped a Callum Robinson shot over his crossbar.

At the other end, Richard Brodie was thwarted when home goalkeeper Chandler Hallwood dived low to push the ball for a corner.

Skelmersdale fielded just two players who had finished last season with the club, but signs that they are gelling into a team started to emerge.

A Richard Brodie effort comes off the post. Picture by Les Gallop.

Andy Owens and Brodie brought saves from Hallwood and then Brodie sneaked onto a Smith free-kick at the far post, his effort hit the far post then the crossbar before it was scrambled clear.

Seconds later, from a long clearance, Aaron Martin was put in by a Gabriel Johnson header at the other end. He elected to chip Sims, but the ball cleared the Skem bar.

The game took on an end to end manner and in the 50th minute Brodie was unlucky. Again coming in off the left, Brodie had a goal bound shot cleared off the goal-line by Connor Griffin.

Four minutes later home number ten Johnson held the ball up then pushed it back to Griffin, he found Martin with his pass and the striker saw two efforts blocked, but the latter effort spun into space allowing him a clear powerful right-footed shot from ten yards that fizzed into the net at head height.

The home team were able to defend and play more of a long ball game and neutralised many of Skem's attacks.

Skelmersdale were due to host Trafford last night (Tuesday) before they travel to Pontefract Collieries on Saturday in the FA Cup Preliminary Round.

Linnets fail to find breakthrough

Burscough 0
Northwich 1

BURSCOUGH fought hard but had to concede defeat in their opening North-West Counties League fixture.

The Linnets' first opportunity came from Jake Connelly thanks to a swift counter-attack on 25 minutes.

He lifted the ball over goalkeeper Greg Hall but defender Dan Meadowcroft rescued Northwich.

Burscough appear to have found a useful goalkeeper in Louis McCarthy and he was called into action early, saving from Scott McGowan and Adam Whitlock before the half-time.

Soon after the restart McCarthy made his best save of the match, to again keep out Whitlock after he was set up by Waite-Jackson.

It was not one way traffic though, and on 55 minutes the visitor's goalkeeper had to be at his best to keep out Christy Devlin as Burscough threatened.

It was to be Whitlock who got his name on the scoresheet in the 63rd minute, though it was not to be from a direct goal attempt.

He lifted a corner into a crowded goalmouth and McCarthy was blocked from reaching the ball, the resulting lofted ball drifted into the Burscough net on the wind, direct from Whitlock's corner.

Burscough were unlucky later on, manager Dave Sutton used all his substitutes then suffered a brace of injuries in quick succession, losing forward Adam Gilchrist and Hafeez Hamzat, leaving the Linnets with only nine men for the finale.

Burscough did push for an equaliser, but to no avail.

Burscough were due to face Barnoldswick Town last night (Tuesday) before they are in FA Cup action on Saturday when they travel to Radcliffe Borough in the Preliminary Round, with a possible home replay on Tuesday, August 22.

Boom Boom ready for third pro fight at Prenton Park

SKELMERSDALE boxer Colin 'Boom Boom' Day has his third professional fight at Prenton Park this Saturday (August 19) on the under card of the Sean "Masher" Dodd contest.

Day will fight Steven Backhouse, who is considered not an easy opponent for only his third fight.

Rob Butler, Colin's coach at the Rydal Gym in Kirkdale said: "Colin is brilliant.

"We have spent a lot of time calming him down getting the fundamentals really solid and correct, they matter even more in professional boxing.

"He has had a great camp and is so good to work with and watch. I can't wait to see him perform myself."

Colin says he would really appreciate any support he gets and tickets are moving fast. Contact Colin on 07843 890979.

Colin Day

Rob added: "Colin day is as honest a man outside the ring as he is a fighter inside it! The young man is NAILS!

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Buying a new floor is never a decision to be taken lightly. The pitfalls are well known, from wrong flooring to poor finish, this is one area of a home or business premise that is overwhelming to contemplate without trustworthy advice.

Prestige Flooring in Ormskirk is owned by Stephen Ormrod and 20 years of experience have given Stephen a precious advantage over many competitors. He says: 'For me, it is all about personable service, we are more than a store, we are people who deal with people. We all need good carpets and floorings and I would never advise anyone on products I would not buy for my own use.'

Prestige Flooring offers a huge range of floors, from carpets to laminates and vinyls as well as solid wood and luxury vinyl flooring (Karndean, Amtico and Luvanto). The company undertakes domestic and business work and their viability is not least due to the amount of repeat business from satisfied customers. Something that Stephen appreciates and believes in.

It is not easy to pitch an independent business against a market, generally dominated by out of town outlets, all promising to be better than one another. Stephen believes his unique service is what makes the real difference. He says: 'Too often, people don't get the right advice and choose a colour or texture without realising that there is a better (and sometimes cheaper) alternative available. That's what we do here.... we are here to help, not confuse or push the most expensive things!'

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Our bathroom department has been established for many years, and we have many big name brands such as Aqualisa, Vitra, Burlington and April Enclosures to name just a few. The same can be said for our fires and heating department where we supply and fit products from Valor, Dimplex, Elgin & Hall, Evonic and many more.

We employ all our own tradesmen so that we can ensure all the work we undertake is done to the highest standard and fully project managed, from the initial survey all the way through to completion.

Our furniture department has a real wow factor. People are often amazed when they walk through our doors at the variety and the beautifully put together displays. We pretty much have everything; Sofa's, dining sets, beds, sideboards, coffee tables, occasional furniture, Mirrors, pictures and much more. Our latest addition to the furniture department is the new 'Originals' range from La-Z-Boy where we are offering 25% off. We also have a 3-seater for the price of a 2-seater settee promotion on at the moment which is on until the 31st of August so there really has never been a better time to choose La-Z-Boy.

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As you walk through the door you first notice the space to move around and how clean the fish holding tanks are. The amount of fish stock is outstanding ranging from fancy goldfish, cichlids, discus and catfish to inverts, nano and temperate water fish. The fish look really healthy which is all down to what happens behind the scenes. Each species is kept in a life system designed for them, all fully automated from water changes to bacterial control. Unlike some stores all of Fish Finatics Aquatic Centre's new live stock is fully quarantined in a separate quarantine room for at least seven days before introduction into the display tanks. Any stock that shows signs of illness does not get moved to the display tanks and remains in quarantine to be assessed and treated. All of their livestock is imported from worldwide aquatic suppliers to ensure the quality and to make sure they are free from interbreeding.

As the diversity and quality of the stock is so good you will not be surprised to learn that Fish Club members travel by coach from around the UK, even from the far reaches of Scotland, to visit this store for their live stock needs.

Sue explained that to keep up with demand expansion is on the horizon. An additional 15 new display tanks will soon be installed in the main display area, which will be an extra 3,000 litres or water space. Plus later on in the year two side rooms are to be knocked into one space for a pond section which will be opened next year.

You would think with all this that the prices would be high but that is not the case. Sue and Michael are avid fish keepers and want everyone to enjoy the hobby, so for this reason you will find the prices very competitive even against the big stores.

I would have to say that this store is well worth a visit. Don't worry if you have to travel as they have a large front car park, access for wheelchairs, and a customer toilet which also includes wheelchair access.

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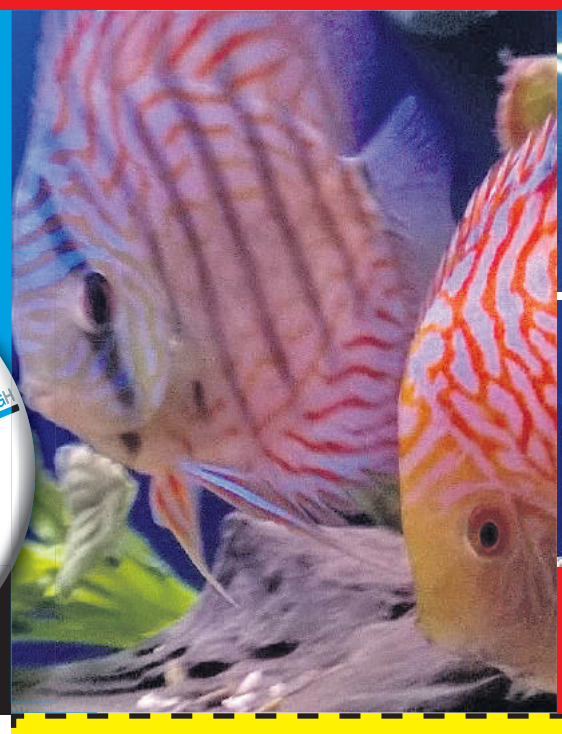

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Bramley's takes pride in really listening to their customers needs. They now open Mondays, so you can join them for a bite to eat or a coffee from Monday right through to Saturday.

Also following the success of their Brunch Menu, this has now been extended to an All Day Brunch! So if Eggs Benedict is your thing, or you've got a sweet tooth, the delicious Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes are for you!

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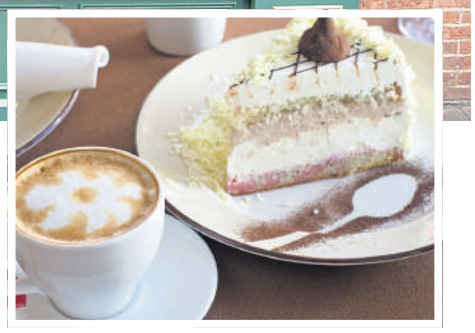

And how can we forget to mention the cakes! There is a huge variety, which makes it a hard choice as to what to have! The great thing is, Bramley's are confident you will return time after time, so you can make your way through the cake menu!

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There is nothing better than a quintessential British pub and the Ship at Lathom is certainly a fine example of the best of the best.

With its idyllic setting, this beautiful pub is proud to serve real ales (always a minimum of six), premium lagers, stouts, fine wines, spirits and a range of malt whiskies. Inside does not disappoint with its cosy setting and gentle atmosphere, open log fires and attentive and friendly staff.

As you would expect from a Great British Pub, food is stonkingly good, with classic dishes given modern twists and cooked by a team of local chefs who are constantly looking for the best local supplies. Alternatives such as vegan dishes are always on offer and the extensive menu has something for everyone. For the coffee lovers, The Ship offers true Barrista coffees made with locally roasted beans.
A meal at the Ship is a treat for the senses and booking is advisable as this is a very popular venue.

As you would also expect, The Ship hosts great local community involved events. This September (8 – 11) is your chance to go to The Ship's sixth annual Beer, Pie and Sausage festival where under a huge marquee you will be able to sample from 40 hand pulled real ales, 12 real ciders whilst listening to live music and enjoying pies, sausages and BBQ treats! This promises to be a fabulous event in a great location....

The Ship at Lathom enjoys a fine reputation and it is not too difficult to see why. Friendly and with a team paying huge attention to the smallest of details the Ship is the perfect venue for anyone who loves a fine English pub, steeped in traditional values but with a modern twist.

The area itself has much to offer and if you have not been a visitor before, don't miss an outing to The Ship. You will find it a perfect, enjoyable outing for the whole family, perfect for nature lovers, couples or just those who want to get away from it all for a few hours.

The SHIP Lathom

THE SHIP'S 7th ANNUAL BEER, PIE & SAUSAGE FESTIVAL!!

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- Camera Preview Night on the 7th September from 6pm onwards

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Champion focus

Right in the heart of Ormskirk Town Centre, you will find 'Ormskirk Nerf Arena' next to the Indoor Market.

Following a successful opening in May 2017, this brand new venture is already going down a storm!

A fantastic indoor venue that really gives the kids (including Big Kids!) somewhere to dress up, run around and shoot Nerf Guns at each other – all without the worry of something getting broken!

This is a complete experience, once you have booked your hour slot, you are given all your protective equipment and a small briefing, then you are let loose to go and have fun!!! So much fun, we predict you will need dragging out of the arena!

Not only do we offer the Nerf Arena itself, we also have Prinny Pamper Parlour in house. Offering full party packages for both younger and older Princesses.

For the younger Princesses, they will be looked after by our very own 'Singing Princess' who will pamper, dance and play music and games throughout the whole party. While your Princesses are getting pampered, we will provide them with a cold buffet to enjoy, including drinks.

For the older Princesses, we provide professional make up artists, an afternoon lunch setting including Mocktails or Fizz. All to be enjoyed while they get completely pampered!

For something a bit different, by special request, we can arrange a Warrior Princess Pamper Party, however there is limited availability for this.

Currently there is a fabulous competition running until 9th September for both Nerf Arena and Prinny Pamper Parlour. Head over to their Facebook Pages to find out more!
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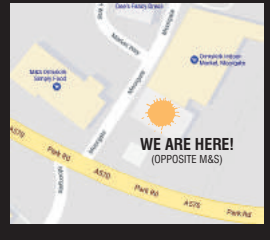

Prinny Pamper Parlour

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